

Memorandum

To: Legislative leaders
From: Steve Miller, LRB, and Jeff Ylvisaker, LTSB
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In 2004, the legislature directed the Government Accountability Board (GAB) to prepare a statewide voter registration list which assigns each voter to a municipality and municipal ward, if any, and to a senate, assembly, and congressional district.

In 2011, the legislature passed Acts 43 (legislative redistricting) and 44 (congressional redistricting). These acts define the new districts mostly in terms of US Census blocks.

GAB discovered that for some voters, the boundaries of their census block do not coincide with the boundary of their municipality. Errors in the census block boundaries cause these differences.

GAB will assign every registered voter to a legislative and congressional district. These may not be the same districts to which the voter was assigned by Acts 43 and 44.